

# 2018

## Employee of the Year | **Winner:** Ben Jennings, Group Rhodes

Award for outstanding employees who goes above and beyond for their company.

### Overview

Group Rhodes is a bespoke designer and manufacturer of hydraulic and mechanical presses, with capacities ranging from 10 tons to 10,000 tons.

Ben's current role covers all aspects of press design, incorporating FEA, 3D modelling, hydraulic control and electrical control. He is also becoming more involved with conceptual design estimating. Being bespoke designers/manufacturers involves very close technical liaison with the client to construct a mutually agreed technical specification on which to base costs and then the final quotation.

Ben has achieved an outstanding performance as Project Design Engineer on a complex project with the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) to deliver a facility, which in their words is "a world class composites reference site". Ben took it upon himself to progressively tour the industries to find individuals 'nice to haves' and using his ingenuity accommodated the various requests, whilst simultaneously monitoring the available budget.

Ben has proved to be an excellent team player and is always the person to instigate out of work activities.



Ben Jennings (left) collects his award from Ben Wilson, Director of MPM Limited.

The Composites UK Industry Awards are presented at the black-tie dinner which is aligned with the Composites Engineering Show in Birmingham.

Keep an eye out for our annual nomination process every May for your chance to apply.

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